



Castle Views

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GET FIT AND ACTIVE THIS SUMMER AT THE CASTLE VIEW COMMUNITY & FITNESS CENTRE!

Castle View Enterprise Academy is pleased to announce exciting new classes and memberships at the Castle View Community & Fitness Centre.

The centre boasts a fully equipped gymnasium, sports hall, 20-metre swimming pool and a community function room; perfect for parties and meetings.



We also have, available for hire, a newly refurbished, state of the art, outdoor sports pitch. The pitch is suitable for many different types of sporting activities. Call the Castle View Community & Fitness Centre on 0191 5615533 to check prices and availability.

Also, due to popular demand, we are now able to offer some of the larger rooms within the Academy for hire. These rooms are perfect for conferences, meetings and parties and can hold anywhere from five to 200 people. Prices to hire these rooms start from £20 per hour (for groups of up to 45 people) and £30 per hour for larger groups.

Please call Diane Bell at the Academy on 0191 5615533 to check for availability and to make bookings.

To help get you started with your new fitness regime, we are pleased to offer a half price gym & swim voucher with this edition of the newsletter. Simply cut out the voucher below and present it to our friendly staff at the Community & Fitness Centre to receive your discounted offer. Enjoy!



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Half Price Gym & Swim Offer

at Castle View Community & Fitness Centre, Cartwright Rd, Sunderland.

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Top of the Class



The Year 11 top set was entered early for their GCSE maths higher paper.

The students were a credit to the Academy and themselves with their commitment and endeavour. Students attended sessions after school and on weekends to undertake extra revision. Their exceptional effort resulted in the best-ever maths results for Castle View Enterprise Academy. The students attained 16A*s, 15As and one B grade.

Well done to all the students involved, they have shown that by embracing the opportunities provided they can compete with the most able students from across the country.

FTW visit the Academy

Students got a huge surprise recently when the boy band, FTW, came into our Academy.

Leanne reported, "We weren't expecting their visit so it was a surprise. We all went into the sports hall and saw that there were two speakers. We then assumed there was some kind of band or singer playing. We all waited patiently then music started to play and the boys came on to the stage and we were all very pleased with their performance. Once they had performed some songs that we know they sang their new single 'Love Shot'."

By the end of the performance a lot of the girl students had the band's name on their hands. Callum, a member of the band, wore a jacket on that day and then the next few days a lot of the students had bought the same jacket and said they were like Callums. They definitely liked FTW."

I got in touch with the boys in FTW and asked them some questions.

How was the reaction you got from Castle View?

Kyle: "The reaction was great and by the end they were all on their feet singing along and dancing."

What do you think of Castle View?

Tom: "Castle View is a lovely big school and very modern, both the students and the school were amazing."

We would like to thank the boys for taking time out of their very busy schedule to come to our Academy to perform for us.



Students pictured with the boys from FTW

EDF Energy Challenge Day



EDF Energy, a major energy supplier, came into the Academy to hold a challenge day, where all students have a collapsed timetable for the day. Students were involved in a number of activities linked to the London 2012 Olympics and sustainability. They were split up into groups out of their comfort zones to give them a challenge and each group was given a country which they had to base their team around for the day. Then the games began!

Firstly, each group was given a place, a piece of equipment and the amount of people which they had to use to create a new Olympic game, but, it had to be environmentally friendly. One student commented saying, "It was tough because our group got a rope and a car park with two people! But, it helped to break the ice between our group and I really enjoyed it!" Each group was judged out of 100 on creativity, accuracy and how friendly it would be to the environment"

Then, the students had to design a green Olympic Park in Sunderland using the Stadium of Light and the land surrounding it! They also had to think about transportation, huge crowds, accommodation and venues. Our glamorously green EDF assistants were on hand to help our students reduce the pollution that would be caused. Each group presented their blueprints and points were awarded on presentation and how environmentally friendly it would be out of 100.

The Grand Finale; students were asked to create a to scale model of a structure at the "Sunderland Olympics" from card, paper and any other scrap materials. The students set off and it was a race to the finish. All students completed the task just in time and they were marked out of 500 for this task on presentation, creativity, environmental friendliness and teamwork.

To finish, there was an awards ceremony and the winners were crowned. All students really enjoyed the day and learned valuable lessons about sustainability and global warming.

Thank you Mr Cuthbert!

On the 20th April we dedicated the afternoon, not only to the success of the Academy and the unveiling of the newly-restored Miners' Banner, but also to the retirement of John Cuthbert, our Chair of Governors.

The event started with an opening speech from the Academy's Principal, Mrs Bridges, who spoke about students at the Academy achieving their personal best. Following this was a very well-prepared speech by our Head Boy and Head Girl, Jack Marley and Laura Hale, about the Academy's many achievements.

Half way through the event, there was a brief intermission and that period of time was filled with well rehearsed entertainment. Everyone was treated to a slice of the fantastic Grease production performed by students at the Academy. In addition to the spectacular songs by other students at the Academy, including a phenomenal solo by Sophie Golden, there were also songs performed by a selection of pupils from our partner school, Castletown Primary.

To conclude the evening, another one of our guests at the event, Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Tom Foster, had the privilege of unveiling The Miners' Banner that had been restored and will stay in the Academy. To remind us all of this excellent event, a plaque was dedicated to our guest of honour, Mr John Cuthbert MBE, as well as him receiving a specially made book about, and to remind him of, our wonderful Academy.



Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Tom Foster with Head Girl and Boy Laura and Jack, pictured in front of the newly restored banner.



Pupils from Castletown Primary School performing one of the songs from the 'City Sings' competition.



Cllr. Foster with former colleagues from the Hylton Lodge Miners.



Students performing a routine from the recent Grease Musical.



(Above) Students performing the Take That song 'Greatest Day,' which they showcased in the Ukraine, in a National Talent Show.

(Left) Sophie Golden entertains the assembled dignitaries with her amazing singing voice.

Ski Trip to Pila, Italy 2012

In March 2012, a group of 35 students went to Pila, Aosta Valley in Italy, to ski for a week. The Students' behaviour was outstanding and they were perfect ambassadors of the Academy.

Activities included: skiing, ice skating, pizza night, disco night, presentation night and all of the students had a really good time. There were several skiing courses including the beginner course, the intermediate course and the advanced course which were suited to every student's ability.

We interviewed Stephanie Seymour and Mr Dugdale (a member of staff who attended the trip) about their experiences in Italy. Stephanie Seymour, Year 8, commented saying, "My favourite part was the skiing and my favourite activity was the ice skating! The trip was amazing because it was a really good experience and we got to see lots of things, everyone should go as it's really fun!" and Mr Dugdale added, "The trip was very enjoyable, it was a pleasure to go and most of all the ice cream was amazing!"

There were falls, tumbles and collisions but everyone had a fantastic time. We have some very talented skiers in the Academy! Mr Dugdale is already planning the 2013 ski trip.



Historic Moment for James



James Mavin, a Year 11 student at Castle View, has been selected to participate in the Olympic Torch Relay when it comes to our region. Here is James' nomination as completed by St. John Ambulance.

"As a cadet for St. John Ambulance, James has dealt with accident victims and poorly people. Recently, on his way home from school, he swiftly volunteered to deal with an extremely severe first aid incident. James saw a man in a collapsed state, on the pavement. With his friend, also a member of St John Ambulance, he acted calmly and quickly to carry out resuscitation procedures as he suspected that the patient had suffered a heart attack."

James was given the opportunity to be one of the Olympic Torchbearers because he regularly serves our community by carrying out first aid during local functions, as well as working in a school shop to raise money for a 'Roots and Shoots Club,' which provides pots of bedding plants for some retired people in the local area.



Katy says, 'Try' your best

Katy Storie, former Captain of the England Women's Rugby Team, visited our Academy.

She told her inspirational story of how she grew up to be a rugby player. The moral of the story was that if you think you are good at something, focus on it.

Her main objective was to make sure the class never give up when trying to achieve their goals. Katy was a great example to everyone and her inspirational words made a difference and should hopefully motivate others to try for their personal best.

Big Bike Ride



As part of the Sunderland in 2012 events, Mr Travis and three Year 11 students; Sam Stockdale, Danny Fisher and Jack Devlin took part in the Big Bike Ride on Sunday 27th May.

The Bike Ride was a 35-mile "Tour of Sunderland." Worthy of mention was Sam Stockdale (left of picture). He turned in a great performance and time of 2 hours and 35 minutes.

Amazing effort lads. Well done!

Safety Works

Recently, Year 8 students went to Newcastle to visit Safety Works, which is an indoor interactive centre and it is used to teach children about safety in the community.

It is made to look like a movie set with six or seven scenarios, which include Metro platforms, Sainsbury's, a road and an A&E hospital room. Here, students learned vital first aid skills, such as treating burns, performing CPR and treating fractures and breaks.

Safety Works is sponsored by a number of organisations, such as, Tyne and Wear Fire Service and Northumbria Police. Many of the Year 8 visitors had a go at using a defibrillator, which is commonly used for treatment in life-threatening emergencies.

All of the students learnt a variety of things, such as how to use the Metro platform 'Help Point' or the age limits for buying certain things, such as fireworks.

The Year 8 students loved this trip, and not just because they were getting out of the Academy for a day, or was it?

Sunderland Youth Parliament Elections



In March, Sunderland held its annual Youth Parliament Elections. The Academy was well-represented, producing three outstanding candidates for the election, all of whom did really well in the final ballot and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Jack Stoker (left of picture) was elected as Deputy MYP and is looking forward to attending several civic meetings. Jack is also in the running to become the Academy's next Head Boy. Who knows, we may have an aspiring politician in our midst.

Brainiacs

BOOM! CRACKLE! FIZZ!

Those were just some of the noises that were heard in the main hall on the 19th of April as the man in the shed from Brainiac (formally known as Dr John Kilcoyne) visited the Gifted and Talented students. He performed many experiments such as 'Elephants' Toothpaste' and 'Barking Dog' (you can even search for them on YouTube). The visit ended with a bang when he poured liquid nitrogen, which boils at -196°C , all over the floor, which, unluckily for people sitting at floor level, went directly under their feet.

BRRRRR!



Dr John Kilcoyne entertaining the students with his crazy experiments.



Do you have something to announce?

The 'Castle Views' Newsletter, which produces three issues each academic year, is a great way to announce meetings, events and activities in our local area. The newsletter is sent to the household of every student in the Academy, as well as local feeder primary schools.

If you would like to include something in the next edition, due to be released in September 2012, please contact Mr Willis at the Academy on 0191 5615533 ext. 40263, or alternatively, by email at willis.g@sunderlandlearning.net.

We would love to hear from you!

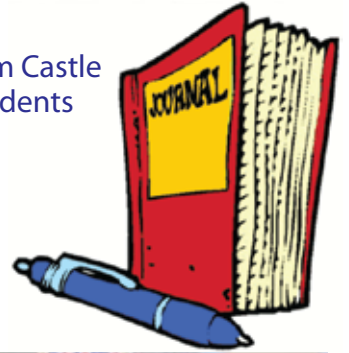
"My Ukrainian Experience"



by
Imogen Bailes

From the 24th to the 29th April 2012, a group of 16 students and three teachers from Castle View Enterprise Academy visited our link school Gymnasium 75 in Kiev, Ukraine. Students also performed in the World Beauty Star Contest, which will be on Ukrainian TV!

We visited lots of local landmarks and museums and experienced the culture. Whilst I was in the Ukraine, I wrote about my experiences.



Here is my diary.....

Tuesday 24th April "Travelling"

Today I had to wake up at 2:30am to catch our flight! I very sluggishly got ready then my Mam and I drove to the school. We got there, loaded my suitcase on, and said our goodbyes until Sunday and we left.

We arrived at Newcastle airport and went through security; I hate security because they always look at you in a weird way! After that we did a little shopping and boarded the plane. The first flight to Amsterdam wasn't too bad because it only lasted an hour but the next flight, to Kiev, took almost two and a half hours!

We eventually got there and we were given a very warm welcome, very warm in fact because it was almost 25°C! The head teacher and two English teachers helped us onto the bus with our suitcases and we drove straight to our hotel.

The hotel was amazing! It was decorated with warm beige and brown colours, it was extremely clean and the rooms were quite big. Everyone was given a room and we started to unpack and settle in. We all really liked the hotel and I think we were all just glad to be here and settled in after our early start and long day travelling.

After we had finished unpacking, they took us to a Ukrainian restaurant where we sampled the local cuisine. The food there is much different from ours, some people enjoyed it and some people didn't. But, most of us had brought food with us so we certainly didn't go hungry! Finally, after a very long day, we headed back to the hotel to get some well earned rest!

Unfortunately, because I had rang my family first, I had to have a cold shower because everyone else had used up the hot water! I especially hate cold showers too!



Wednesday 25th April "Our first day!"

After a good night's sleep we went over to the Gymnasium 75 School. It was very interesting to experience first hand how other children from different countries learn and behave. All of the students were very well behaved and treated us with the utmost respect. After they gave us a tour of the school, they had a welcoming ceremony for us. Some students had put together traditional Ukrainian dance routines and some even choreographed a hip-hop dance just for us! A few people sang and then they set up little stalls in the yard with different activities on! Things such as pot making, sewing, drawing, arts and crafts and many more were on the little stalls!

I was very impressed with how much English the students know! Six year old children were coming up to us and asking what our names and hobbies were. Then there were students around 14-16 having full, fluent conversations with us.

All of the teachers were very kind and the head teacher is lovely!

Then, they very kindly took us to the Euro 2012 Stadium. Kiev is hosting a major football competition there this year. Our group were the first people ever to have a tour around the stadium. We saw where the players relax, prepare and we even sat in their hot tub (they took the water out first!). Then we went on to the pitch, it's absolutely huge. I couldn't believe how big it was! And, we also got to sit where the coaches watch the game from! The seats are so comfy! I'm not a big football fan but I certainly wouldn't mind watching the game in those seats!



When we left the stadium, they took us back to the restaurant. It was nicer because we told them what we ate back home and they cooked that for us. Then, after our meal, people from the school and World Beauty Star competition (the competition we performed in on Saturday) came around giving us lots of beautiful gifts! We couldn't believe that they were just giving us all of these amazing things!

We went back to the hotel and I got in the shower first so it was hot! Yay! I rang my mam, sister, gran and grandad then headed off to bed. I was exhausted again!



Thursday 26th April "Day 2"

This was an early day; we had to be ready by 7:20am! Considering that it's two hours ahead and our bodies hadn't yet fully adjusted to the time difference, it was only 5:20am! And, it was very hot again too, it was 26°C!

Anyway, we went to the war museum after having our English breakfast at the school. It was very fascinating and everyone really enjoyed it! Then we went to rehearse for the World Beauty Star Contest on Saturday. The rehearsal went very well and we were very pleased and excited about our dance!

Next, we went on a city tour. We visited ancient churches, statues and some amazing scenery! Then we went to a shopping mall! We all got some lovely little gifts and it was interesting to see how they shop there. The clothes were very expensive!



Then, we went for tea at the restaurant and it was nice, then we went back for an early night because it was the show the next day! But, I had to have another cold shower!



After that, to celebrate, they took us to a different restaurant. There, they served us burgers and chips. I've never been so excited to see a burger in my entire life, honestly. Some of us sang, danced, partied and we had a great time! But, we had to but up early in the morning to travel so we had to go.

When we got back everyone did some last minute packing and then went straight to bed. We had to be ready at 3am on Sunday morning!

Sunday 29th April "Going Home"

I set my alarm for half past one but I slept all the way through the alarm and people banging on the door until 2:50. I had 10 minutes to get ready and I hadn't even shut my case yet!

I got ready just in time anyway; we got on the plane and said goodbye to our wonderful experience in Ukraine.

Friday 27th April "Day 3"

On Friday, we finally got to have a lie in! We had to be ready by 9:30am so we got up at 8am. Everyone thanked the teachers for letting us lie in because everyone was in real desperate need of a rest after all of the early mornings!

In the morning we went to a traditional Cossack village and museum. It showed us how the people of Ukraine used to live centuries ago. Everyone was fascinated especially by the church because everything was just gold! There were lots of shrines and paintings and sculptures, it was all amazing. Then, they took us to a park. Everybody loved it. We're just all big kids aren't we!

Afterwards, we went to rehearse for the last time before Saturday. Everything went really well again and we were all getting very excited!

Saturday 28th April "Show Day!"

We got to have another lie in. But we still had to be ready to catch the tube. I hated the tube because it's similar to the Metro but worse. You have to travel really far down on these endless escalators before you actually get to the platform. Then, everybody has a little over 10 seconds to either get on or off the train otherwise you're left! Plus, once you actually get on it's very hot, stuffy and you get squashed because of all of the people trying to crowd into one place.

After the eventful ride, we got there and got changed ready to rehearse. We rehearsed the entrance, routines, bows and the finale. Everything went well except we had to get a translator because we didn't know what the director was saying.

Then, it was time. We got all of our costume, hair and make-up ready, and then we went backstage. We were all us were very nervous because it's going to be broadcast on live television.

We got our cue and ran on with huge smiles! Each dance went brilliantly and we were all extremely proud of ourselves! Miss Lacey, Mrs Smith and Mr Ruddick couldn't have been any happier.

Imogen



City Sings!

Castle View Enterprise Academy's 'Glee Club' singers participated in the annual 'City Sings' event at the Sunderland Empire.

The students had a thrilling and memorable experience. They performed two songs, 'Hallelujah' and 'Marry You', both receiving an amazing reception from the audience.



The CVEA 'Glee Club' Choir

Unfortunately, the Academy did not win, however, Castletown Primary was the winner of the primary schools category and 'Farracappellar' from Farrington School came top in the secondary schools category. We are delighted to announce that Castletown Primary School were the overall winners of the competition!

Ellie Atkinson, one of the choir members from CVEA commented, "The atmosphere was amazing but the behaviour of some schools was disgraceful. They were booing and shouting throughout some of the performances. Other than that it was a fantastic experience, even though I have done this five times now."

Well done to our students and especially to those from Castletown Primary School.



On the 21st of March, the annual Festival of International Culture took place in Newcastle. The Festival was held to raise awareness of the need for language learning in the UK.

The Festival focused on fun, active and practical ways to learn new languages and culture. The event was split into language taster sessions and practical introductions to new cultures and practices such as dance, martial arts and music. The whole purpose of the day was to: introduce the idea of learning a new language to school pupils, to show students the benefits and opportunities that language learning can offer and to give students an idea of what life in higher education is like.

It was open to Year 8 and 9 students to give them an idea of whether they wanted to take a language as one of their GCSE options.

Student Librarian Awards Evening

Castle View Enterprise Academy had the pleasure of hosting the Pupil Librarian Awards on the 2nd May. This is a ceremony where dedicated pupils became official pupil librarians having thoroughly completed their coursework.



Many schools across Sunderland came to this marvellous ceremony including Thornhill (the host school of this event last year), Venerable Bede and Sunderland High School.

Also attending on the evening was Craig Bradley. Craig is an author of poetry books and has also worked with Year 7 and 8 students during the Academy day. He treated everyone at the event with his humorous yet meaningful speech about how we should read for many reasons.

Craig presented the new librarians with their certificates to conclude the ceremony. New pupil librarians from our school are: Andrew Chapman, Ethan Crosby, Katie Angus and Sarah Chapken.

Year 10 Oxford University Visit



In February, ten Year 10 students visited the University of Oxford to have a taste of student life. The day began with an introductory session giving students opportunities to ask questions, clarify myths about Oxford and discuss the students' preconceptions. We were definitely from the furthest north in England!

Our students were then given a tour of Wadham College and halls of residence by current university law students who answered questions openly and honestly about their student life, from finances to quick tips about higher education and their traditions upheld when the clocks go back.

After a very generous lunch provided by the university, where students had the privilege of sitting at the grand table, our students participated in a Linguistics lecture where they outshone other schools there in deciphering the Ancient Greek language.

To complete the day our students participated in an exciting scavenger hunt where they had to find objects around the city of Oxford and take photographs as part of a competition. This varied from the 'whole group inside a red telephone box' to finding the 'dodgiest looking take away shop'. The purpose of this was not only to have fun but to help the students explore Oxford and give them insight into life away from home.

The students were an absolute credit to the Academy and themselves.



The BIG Dance

Over seven weeks, 28 of our students from Years 7 to 11, have been working towards the Big Dance 2012 pledge.

They have undertaken weekly rehearsals to learn a five-minute piece of choreography, created by world-renowned choreographer Wayne McGregor, to participate in a Guinness World Record attempt to achieve the largest simultaneous dance multi-venue. The dance was based on the Olympics and was performed on Friday 18th May 2012 to celebrate the arrival of the Olympic torch in London.



The students have all worked extremely hard and did themselves and the Academy proud on the BIG day.

Sunderland 24-Hour Swimathon



Twelve students in Key Stage 3 from Castle View Enterprise Academy took part in Sunderland's 24-hour Swimathon, which was held at the Sunderland Aquatic Centre in March.

All of the students were great and were interviewed by the Sunderland University radio station. Our students managed to swim an amazing 1075 widths of the pool in just under an hour, which is a fantastic achievement, especially when you consider that we were one of few schools to enter the Swimathon with Key Stage 3 students when most of the other schools had taken Key Stage 4 students.

A huge well done to the Year 7 students (pictured left).

Caterpillar Visit

Fourteen of our business students, along with Mr Bunyan and Mrs Smith, attended Caterpillar's SWE (Simulated Work Environment) as part of their enterprise project with SAFC Foundation. The group were given the opportunity to develop their team building skills in a real life world of work experience.

On arrival, students were put into teams with a representative from Caterpillar as their team leader. They were issued with Personal Protective Equipment and instructed on correct health and safety procedures required in the work place.

The teams were allocated a role and instructed on how to perform their given task, for example, complete health & safety checks, set tools and parts for assembly, fix head and rear lights or steering wheel and hub cap to the cabs. The students were also instructed how to call for assistance and stop the production line. The students had a target of 28 cabs and it was all hands on deck when the buzzer sounded to commence production. On completion of the round the group attended a production briefing session and learned about the errors that were made. The students, in their teams, identified and discussed how to make improvements to their working practices just as the Caterpillar workforce would do in their job role.



Students working on their cabs (left) and receiving some tips on safety (above)

The students returned to the production line in the afternoon and after implementing changes, such as move parts to ease access and change order of assembly, the teams worked more successfully.

The SWE is one of only two of its kind to be found in the country which incorporates Caterpillar Production Systems methodology.

The students and staff had a fantastic day working on a simulated production line and were able to capture a basic understanding of the principles of lean organisation, production, management, logistics and engineering whilst developing personal, team building and problem solving skills.



The Children's Cancer Run is a five-mile cross-country family fun run set up to raise money for the North of England Children's Cancer Research Fund (NECCR)

Eighteen students from Castle View took part in this year's event at Gosforth Park racecourse. All of the students were fantastic and completed the five-mile course in a remarkably quick time.

We would like to say a big congratulations and thank you to Miss Watson and Mrs Smith for helping on the day. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Reed for driving the minibus and transporting the students to and from the event.



(Top) Mrs Smith, Miss Walker and Miss Watson.
(Centre) Staff and students showing off their medals.
(Bottom) Miss Watson with her event t-shirt. All participants received a bag of goodies for helping to raise funds.

Lightning Strikes Three Times!



Special congratulations to Kyle Palmer, Owen McVeigh and Dylan Hudson for passing their grades in the Lightning Kickboxing Club, run by our very own Mr King. A tough and gruelling two hours saw Dylan and Kyle advanced to their Red Belts and Owen attain his Yellow Belt.

Along with this achievement all three received a very special award for "Exemplifying the Highest Standard of Commitment" to their club and communities.

All three students took part in a programme to bring Sports as part of Healthy Living to Youth Clubs and Youth Programmes around the Sunderland North Area covering some 15 venues.

Year 7 Nurture Group Litterpick

On Tuesday 7th February, the Year 7 Nurture Group volunteered to do a Community Litterpick. Once they had all wrapped up warm in their coats, hats and scarves they ventured out to brave the cold.



They wandered through the frosty Dene and unfortunately, found quite a lot of litter. By the end of the pick they had managed to collect 13 bags of litter!

They returned to the Academy very cold but very happy to have made such a big impact and huge improvement to the local area.

Olympic Torch Relay



To signify the arrival of the Olympic Torch to our region, Castle View Enterprise Academy held its own 'Torch Relay' with the help of our neighbouring schools. It turned out to be a memorable day for so many of our students and their families.

It started with the Secondary School Relay, receiving the torch from Academy 360. Mrs Dickinson and Miss Walker led the group with Mr Reed and some of 9C to Red House Academy (along with our fantastic torch made by Mr Mould). Mr Kelly and a different group of students, chauffeured by Mrs Roberts then met the citywide secondary school group at Whitburn and ran along to Roker where torches between the schools were again exchanged.

Miss Walker and Mrs Smith took students from Year 7 to Year 9 on a circular walk designed by Mr Travis and collected ten students and staff from each of our feeder primary schools. The students took great pride in being the torch bearer for their school especially when their parents and families stopped us along the route to take photographs. Our final destination was the Academy. I don't think either of us could envisage the spectacle that awaited our return; it was emotional! To have all of the students and staff waving flags, kindly arranged by Miss Hodgson (along with all of the other bunting and decorations), and cheering and encouraging all of the participants, it was a proud day for CVEA, the children were so excited and many said how special it made them feel!

The students were welcomed into the hall by an Olympic presentation with the 'Chariots of Fire' soundtrack and Mrs Hixon and Miss Brown were on hand to give everyone much needed refreshments. Mrs Steel delivered a 'real life' Olympic speech and then all of the participants received a medal.

A truly fabulous day; thank you everyone for your support.



Charity Night 2012

This year's Charity Night was another amazing success! This year, we raised money for two causes, Diabetes UK and one of our own students, Jamie O'Donnell. Jamie has been selected to compete in the Karate World Championships for Great Britain in Japan this coming July. Funds raised will go towards Jamie's championship fees, travel and accommodation expenses.

Students and staff performed singing and dancing acts to a captive audience of almost 200 people, Jamie and his Karate Club gave an excellent demonstration to kick the night off. The event ended with a raffle and various prize draws.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who bought a ticket or entered the raffle and supported the event. Altogether, with the help of all our amazing students and staff, we managed to raise a total of £750, which we split between these two excellent causes. Jamie is well on his way to reaching his own personal fundraising target of £2,500.



Jamie receives a cheque from Academy Principal, Mrs Bridges.

If you would like to make a private donation to this fund, please contact Mr Willis at the Academy.

Year 7 League Winners

From the minute the final whistle went after the first game of the season, we knew we had a special team on our hands. Any side that beats a team from St. Aidan's has to be good - to beat them 4-1 and play them off the park is something else.

We told them after that match that the league title was the focus, even though there are 12 schools in Sunderland to compete against, we had no one to fear. The matches that followed produced the same outcomes, victories over Thornhill, Houghton Kieper and Academy 360 emphasised the belief we had in our Year 7s.

The only blot on the copy book came away from home at Southmoor, a fixture on the night of a Challenge Day with the students having performed PE activities all day, minds elsewhere, energy sapped, typical we were playing the other unbeaten side in the league on this night! A disappointing result followed but I told the team it would be a one off, the best teams bounce back from defeats with positive displays, teams need to lose to progress and this team did just that.

A run of unbeaten games followed. Southmoor lost to St Aidans also, meaning the league was still a possibility. With three games to play it was in our own hands, 20 points and the league was ours. Hetton, on paper, seemed the easiest of the three games, far from it; only two goals in a minute ten minutes from time turned a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 win. This was a shock to the system, which did the trick, Monkwearmouth were dispatched 5-1 and then Venerable Bede 8-2 on a glorious Wednesday night which confirmed our belief in September. This group of boys are a special team, next year who knows what they will achieve!

Mr P. Freary



Year 10 City Cup Winners

Year 10 students at CVEA have been crowned City Champions after an impressive 5-1 win over Sandhill View at Sunderland's 'Academy of Light'

Joe Lee opened the scoring after 15 minutes with an astute finish following a brilliant, whole-team passing move. Ellis Towers made it 2-0 with a 20-yard screamer of a free kick and John Harper added a third just before half time with a far post header from a corner.

CVEA's domination continued in the second half with two goals from Keiron Mitchell. Sandhill View scored a consolation goal near the end of the game.

Well done to all involved and to Mr Tumelty for his managerial skills.



Charity Bike Ride



Mr Travis is taking part in the Dublin to Sunderland Cycle Challenge this summer and is trying to raise £700 for Foundation of Light, Sunderland Association Football Club's registered charity. This charity do amazing work in Sunderland and last year 40,000 people in the area benefitted from their work. If you would like to make a donation please text TRAV49 to 70070 and state your amount. He would be very grateful for any help.

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